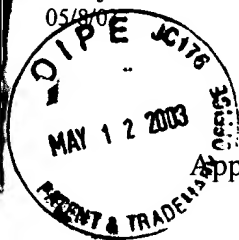


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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated April 8, 2003, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-8, 20-28 and 30) drawn to hearing aid battery are elected, with traverse, for prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not

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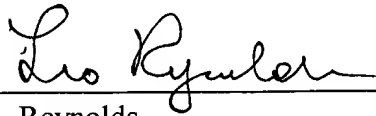
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hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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